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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

Mark H. SHIPTON et al.

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Application No.: 10/779,664

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For: NICKEL ALLOY COMPOSITION

**LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND  
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 20, 2004, an extension of time for a period of one month is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 161622 in the amount of \$120.00 in payment for:

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